

LSTA Grants Awarded May 2018

Digital Imaging- \$193,838

George A. Spiva Library - \$19,284

The Library will process approximately 21,828 descriptive drilling-hole log files of the Tri-State Mining Collection. These log files document the detailed locations of prospecting and drilling activities in the Tri-State Zinc-Lead District of northeastern Oklahoma, southeastern Kansas, and southwestern Missouri from the mid-1800's to mid-1900's.

Kansas City Public Library - \$26,334

The Library will continue their digitization project from 2011 by having staff identify neighborhoods, buildings, and streets, and create metadata records so that the materials will be accessible to users via the web.

State Historical Society of Missouri - \$148,220

The State Historical Society's multi-year project will provide a historically significant newspaper in digital format for every county in Missouri. The first phase of the project will concentrate on the years of statehood through 1946 in counties where digitized newspapers are not yet represented in the Missouri Digital Newspaper Project.

The State Historical Society of Missouri will partner with the Caruthersville Public Library to digitize four newspaper titles from the city of Caruthersville and Pemiscot County spanning the years of 1900 through 1966. Titles for this project are related to the current paper, *The Democrat-Argus*. Digitization of these papers and the resulting full-text searching will allow for greater access to a broad range of individuals including library patrons, current and former residents, and other interested researchers.

The State Historical Society of Missouri will also partner with the Henry County Library to digitize 112,450 pages of newspaper titles from around the county of Henry including the towns of Clinton, Urich, Montrose, Deepwater, and Calhoun. The titles will span from years 1875 through 1966.

Library Service Improvement- \$41,466

De Soto Public Library - \$6,114

The Library will offer career development and resume assistance through a variety of classes for adults and they will offer enrichment programs for children where they can use their imagination to create their own stories and songs. The Library will bring its services to patrons in a central location where residents with or limited transportation will be able to take advantage of the programs.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$7,010

The Library will offer interconnected programs for staff to strengthen the staff's ability to support an educated and informed citizenry on the topic of diversity and inclusion. The desired outcome is to improve encounters between staff and patrons of all backgrounds so that all patrons feel welcome and included in the library. In addition, the Library will hold a series of six programs where the public can learn about a current event or topic.

Springfield-Greene County Library – \$8,403

The Library will create a Refugee and Immigrant Library Welcome Video. This project will create library videos for refugees and immigrants in five languages: Arabic, Burmese, Russian, Spanish, and Swahili. Additionally, the project will allow the translation of the library card application and a handout describing basic library services to accompany each video.

St. Charles City-County Library District - \$19,939

The Library will expand its outreach services by providing onsite, multisensory programs what will stimulate memory, encourage conversation and creativity, and promote cognitive skills at senior living facilities and adult day centers. The Library will also provide lobby stops at senior living facilities to allow residents access to library materials in the comfort of their residence. Additionally, the Library will establish a Books-by-Mail program that will supplement its current homebound delivery service.

Racing to Read- \$152,740**Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$12,822**

The Library will hold early literacy programs for children of all ages to focus on increasing awareness of the library's early childhood programs, promoting early learning, teaching parents/caregivers about the importance to play with purpose, and promoting the library as a destination for families with preschool age children.

Carter County Library - \$17,565

The Library will hold programs with their partners to build upon the relationship they started with the community and schools during last year's grant. The Library will hold monthly toddler story times at the library and hold programs at off-site locations to reach more of the underserved community, particularly families with low income and children at high risk.

Carthage Public Library - \$9,250

The Library will hold early literacy programs for ages 0-6 with the focus on families that are English language learners. Families with high risk children will increase meaningful engagement around library early literacy services as the library continues to offer a bi-lingual as well as an English story time at the Library each week during the grant period.

Joplin Public Library - \$15,088

The Library will conduct five early literacy based trainings to childcare providers, early Head Start home visitors, and three programs based on early literacy skills to families at the library through a 123 Play with Me Program. The Library will also replace an early literacy computer.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$6,684

The Library will partner with Independence School District Early Education Center using the program Teens, Tots, and Tales. The Library will work with the teen parents in the Early Education Center to establish good family literacy practices as well as help them build home libraries.

Mound City Public Library - \$6,250

The Library will partner with Holt County Head Start, Mound City Elementary School, Holt County Homeschool Group and parents to increase young children's readiness for school by stimulating their interest in books and learning.

Neosho Newton County Library - \$8,212

The Library will hold programs and preschool family events to promote early literacy. The library plans to target low-income, at-risk, underserved families.

Riverside Regional Library - \$8,133

The Library will collaborate with daycares and schools to hold several toddler times at each location. The Library plans to reach children that are considered high risk and expand the early literacy learning corner at the library by adding a variety of board books, picture books, and early readers.

St. Joseph Public Library - \$19,986

The Library will provide early literacy outreach and support services to local families and caregivers of children age 6 and under. The Library intends to improve existing services, provide supplemental training to childcare workers, and to pool resources with partner organizations to impact reading readiness within the community.

St. Louis County Library - \$20,000

The Library will conduct eight early literacy events for families and caregivers that will include Read and Play events, which will take place at four of the branches. In addition, the Library will create videos and training opportunities that will help parents, children and caregivers experience learning in a fun and interactive way.

St. Louis Public Library - \$8,800

The Library will conduct Sensory Story Time programs at all sixteen branches focusing on children from birth to eight years of age. The programs will focus on the five practices of Every Child Ready to Read (ECCR). The Library will incorporate sensory experiences and strategies to better serve high-risk children with special needs, specifically children on the autism spectrum, children who have sensory integration issues, or other developmental disabilities.

University City Public Library - \$19,950

The Library will help prepare children to read and learn prior to entering elementary school. The Library will reach out to families to encourage them to read together to help develop early literacy skills.

Spotlight on Literacy- \$58,165**Carthage Public Library - \$10,000**

The Library aims to continue its successful literacy program to help adult patrons for whom English is not a native language by providing English language and citizenship instruction.

Joplin Public Library - \$8,080

The Library will continue to partner with Early Head Start on the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten project that provides families with specially selected books that are pre-packaged in library bags and ready to be checked out.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$9,977

The Library will partner with Lone Jack Elementary School and work with the school district to address third grade students' low reading scores. Library staff will visit each third grade classroom every week for ten weeks in the fall semester and ten weeks in the spring semester. During these visits, staff will present different titles from the Show Me Readers Award nominee list or Great Kids Can Read Award nominee list.

Penney High School Library - \$4,744

The Library will conduct a "Learning to be Digitally Literate" program for Penney High School students. The program will help prepare students for digital life in high school and beyond.

Rolla Public Library - \$7,454

The Library will hold a Special Needs All Inclusive Library (S.N.A.I.L.) Literacy Program for special needs individuals with a spectrum of disabilities such as mobility, development, and physical impairments. This program is designed so special needs individuals may come together in a supervised group environment and work together to improve their literacy skills in a fun and thought-provoking way.

St. Louis County Library - \$7,910

The Library will provide literacy bags for children ages 0-5 for use by Parents as Teachers (PAT) Parent Educators. These bags will be created around various themes and developmental topics. During in-home visits, PAT Educators will use the materials in the bags in a variety of ways including modeling early literacy techniques and play concepts.

West Plains Middle School Library - \$10,000

The Library will offer an after school program to 5th and 6th grade students where they will receive support from a teacher-librarian and reading support teacher. This program will offer students access to online materials and educational tools which students do not have home access to due to socioeconomic and/or rural area hardships.

Technology Ladder Grants- \$289,965**Adair County Public Library - \$14,122**

The Library will replace a web-data server that is used to house the library's automation system and also replace ten desktop computers in the computer lab. The computer lab is used by Adair County citizens and community visitors for job seeking, web research, database searching, social media, email, and word processing.

Cameron Public Library - \$9,395

The Library will purchase new equipment and materials to implement STEM programs for the community's children between the ages of 5-18. The Library will also partner with the Cameron School District and area children's programs.

Camden County Library - \$25,278

The Library will replace eight computers to provide patrons with a more reliable and enjoyable experience when using the computers as well as provide a more secure environment in which to operate.

Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$12,198

The Library will conduct a project designed to enhance library technology services for children, teens, and adults. The Library will create a mobile laptop lab that will be used for programming and educational use throughout the library. In addition, the Library will purchase supplies for robotics and STEM programming.

Carrollton Public Library - \$20,477

The Library will improve accessibility, network performance and functionality by replacing the genealogy room's microfilm reader/printer. The Library will also replace wi-fi access points and routers, two servers, and patron and staff computers to improve its network reliability and better meet demands and expectations.

Christian County Library - \$29,519

The Library will provide technology for its new branch in Nixa to expand services and make the library more accessible to the people of Christian County.

De Soto Public Library - \$6,354

The Library will replace a microfilm reader to make it easier for patrons and visitors to access the materials. The new microfilm reader/printer will have a more intuitive interface, making it easier for patrons to use on their own.

Joplin Public Library - \$8,442

The Library will design a new website to replace its current website that is outdated. The new site will have a content management module to allow staff to make changes or additions to the website. The new website also seeks to integrate with today's social media, mobile computing devices, and phones.

Kansas City Public Library - \$23,168

The Library will partner with the Public Library Association (PLA) to build a customized digitallearn.org portal to serve as the foundation for digital literacy training to patrons. In addition, the Library will add ten laptops specifically reserved for patrons accessing the new website to use to reach their career and academic goals.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$20,905

The Library will replace wireless access points to provide faster connections, greater user capacity, and better coverage for library patrons and staff.

Pulaski County Library - \$14,638

The Library will update staff computers and technology, and purchase software and receipt printers. The new technology will increase patron, satisfaction and improve accessibility.

Riverside Regional Library - \$22,673

The Library will replace old existing equipment that is vital to its computer network performance. This new equipment will improve the work environment and resources for public and nonpublic service areas.

Scenic Regional Library - \$30,921

The Library will purchase self-check workstations for the Pacific, St. Clair, Sullivan, Warrenton, and Wright City branches. The workstations will provide patrons with faster access to circulation, access to readers' advisory tools, and online registration for library programs.

Springfield-Greene County Library - \$40,000

The Library will purchase a library vending machine to be housed at a new shopping center parking lot on the western edge of Springfield. The vending machine will provide 24-hour access to non-electronic library services including pick-up and drop-off of materials and a selection of materials and media. This project will target families and adults ages 20-64.

Texas County Library - \$12,236

The Library will add fourteen public access computers, eight mice, and one circulation computer for its Cabool Branch, which recently had a major renovation. The Library hopes to make its service more accessible to patrons with disabilities and better serve the Cabool community.

STEM Programs – \$35,815**Mid-Continent Public Library - \$8,429**

The Library will continue their STEAM-Powered Programs promoting digital literacy to underserved youth throughout the library system targeting upper elementary, middle school and high school students.

Miller County R3 School Library - \$8,988

The Library will offer a Girls Who Code after school program open to middle school and high school girls in the Miller County R3 School District. The program will teach coding to the students based upon the littleBits curriculum with the focus on increasing STEM awareness and skills.

Mound City Public Library - \$5,137

The Library will offer STEM programs for children in grades 3 through 5 as well as their families and siblings, with a special focus on reaching those living in rural areas.

Penney High School Library - \$3,261

The program "Make Penney Library the SPACE to be" consists of two main objectives. The first is to provide students with interests in STEM subjects a place to create specific projects in organized group settings after school hours, and the second to provide a place and time for individualized experimentation with makerspace materials on set days before or after school, or during lunch periods. Library staff and the math, technology and science teachers will supervise the programs.

Scenic Regional Library - \$10,000

The Library will offer STEM Playground programs to school districts in its service area, giving rural students a chance at hands-on experience with STEM technology. Through this hands-on experience, K-12 students will gain self-efficacy and a new view of their own capabilities as a STEM student.